

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 1, 8, 12 and 14, cancel claims 5, 11, 18 and 21 – 22 and add new claims 26 – 28 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing multiple types of clients to use a database application without hard-coding presentation logic for each of the multiple types of clients into the database application, the method comprising the steps of:
  - prior to providing data from the database application to a particular client, performing the steps of:
    - converting the data that is to be transmitted from the database application to the particular client into an XML output without regard to the device type of the particular client by:
      - identifying a data type to which the data corresponds, wherein
      - the data type reflects a type of the data that is read out of
      - the database;
      - selecting from a plurality of document type definitions, a
      - document type definition associated with said data type;
      - and
      - converting the data to XML output based on said selected
      - document type definition; and
      - identifying the client device type of the particular client;

18 reading metadata selected based on the client device type, wherein the  
19 metadata indicates how to convert said XML output to output for said  
20 client device type; and  
21 based on said metadata, converting the XML output to output for said client  
22 device type; and  
23 providing the output for said client device type to said particular client.

1 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein:  
2 the step of reading metadata includes reading an XSL style sheet associated with said  
3 client device type; and  
4 the step of converting the XML output includes applying the XSL style sheet to said  
5 XML output.

1 3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of converting the data  
2 that is to be transmitted from the database application to the particular client into an  
3 XML output includes converting the data based on one or more document type  
4 definition files.

1 4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein:  
2 the particular client is a Telnet client;  
3 the Telnet client communicates with a Telnet server to request data from said database  
4 application; and  
5 the step of providing said output to said particular client includes the steps of

6                    sending the output to said Telnet server using a recipient specific format; and  
7                    said Telnet server providing said output to said Telnet client.

1    5.    (Cancelled)

1    6.    (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the XML output includes display  
2           instruction data indicating that said data is to be displayed in a first manner.

1    7.    (Original) The method of Claim 6 wherein the step of converting the XML output  
2           includes the step of generating output for said client device type that causes said data  
3           to be displayed in a second manner that is different than said first manner when said  
4           client device type is not able to display said data in the first manner.

1    8.    (Currently Amended) A method for using a database application with clients that  
2           support multiple mark-up language interpreters without hard-coding into the database  
3           application logic to support each of the multiple mark-up language interpreters, the  
4           method comprising the steps of:

5           converting output of the database application to first data that conforms to a first  
6           mark-up language without regard to the type of mark-up language interpreter  
7           supported by a client to which the output is to be sent by:

8                    identifying a data type to which the data corresponds, wherein the data

9                    type reflects a type of the data that is read out of the database;

10                    selecting from a plurality of document type definitions, a document  
11                    type definition associated with said data type; and  
12                    converting the data to XML output based on said selected document  
13                    type definition;  
14                    selecting, based on ~~a the type of client~~ device type to which the output is to be sent, a  
15                    second mark-up language that is different than said first mark-up language;  
16                    converting the first data to second data that conforms to the second mark-up language;  
17                    and  
18                    sending the second data to the client.

1     9.     (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the step of converting the first data to  
2                    second data is performed by applying an XSL style sheet to said first data.

1     10.    (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the step of sending the second data to the  
2                    client includes sending the data to a server to which the client is connected through a  
3                    wireless connection, and then sending the data from the server to the client over said  
4                    wireless connection.

1     11.    (Cancelled)

1     12.    (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
2                    a database system;  
3                    a database application operatively coupled to said database system;

4       said database application including:

5               application logic that:

6                       retrieves data from said database system ~~and uses said data~~ to produce

7                               a first output in a format that is ~~not dictated by what~~

8                                       independent of a type of client device that is to receive the

9                                       output;

10               an XML processor that:

11                       identifies a data type to which the data retrieved from the database

12                               corresponds;

13                       identifies a document type definition associated with said data type;

14                               and

15                       applies the document type definition to the data from the database,

16                               thereby formats formatting the first output into XML to

17                                       produce second output that is ~~not dictated by what~~ independent

18                                       of the type of client device is to receive the output; and

19               an XSL processor that converts the second output into a third output based on

20                       an XSL style sheet associated with the type of client device that is to

21                       receive the output; wherein the XSL style sheet is selected based on the

22                       type of client device.

1    13.    (Original) The system of Claim 12 further comprising:

2               a plurality of servers operatively coupled to said database application;

3               said plurality of servers including at least a first server configured to provide services

4 to clients that support a first protocol and a second server configured to  
5 provide services to clients that support a second protocol that is different from  
6 said first protocol; and  
7 a plurality of clients including a first client that interacts with said database  
8 application through said first server and a second client that interacts with said  
9 database application through said second server.

- 1 14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium carrying instructions for allowing  
2 multiple types of clients to use a database application without hard-coding  
3 presentation logic for each of the multiple types of clients into the database  
4 application, the instructions including instructions for performing the steps of:  
5 prior to providing data from the database application to a particular client, performing  
6 the steps of:  
7 converting the data that is to be transmitted from the database application to  
8 the particular client into an XML output without regard to the device  
9 type of the particular client by:  
10 identifying a data type to which the data corresponds;  
11 selecting from a plurality of document type definitions, a  
12 document type definition associated with said data type;  
13 and  
14 converting the data to XML output based on said selected  
15 document type definition;  
16 identifying the client device type of the particular client;

17 reading metadata selected based on the client device type, wherein the  
18 metadata indicates how to convert said XML output to output for said  
19 client device type; and  
20 based on said metadata, converting the XML output to output for said client  
21 device type; and  
22 providing the output for said client device type to said particular client.

1 15. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 14 wherein:  
2 the step of reading metadata includes reading an XSL style sheet associated with said  
3 client device type; and  
4 the step of converting the XML output includes applying the XSL style sheet to said  
5 XML output.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 14 wherein the step  
2 of converting the data that is to be transmitted from the database application to the  
3 particular client into an XML output includes converting the data based on one or  
4 more document type definition files.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 14 wherein:  
2 the particular client is a Telnet client;  
3 the Telnet client communicates with a Telnet server to request data from said database  
4 application; and  
5 the step of providing said output to said particular client includes the steps of

6                    sending the output to said Telnet server using a recipient specific format; and  
7                    said Telnet server providing said output to said Telnet client.

1    18.    (Cancelled)

1    19.    (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 14 wherein the XML output  
2           includes display instruction data indicating that said data is to be displayed in a first  
3           manner.

1    20.    (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 19 wherein the step of converting  
2           the XML output includes the step of generating output for said client device type that  
3           causes said data to be displayed in a second manner that is different than said first  
4           manner when said client device type is not able to display said data in the first  
5           manner.

1    21.    (Cancelled)

1    22.    (Cancelled)

1    23.    (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the client device identifier  
2           indicates at least one of a dumb terminal, a telnet terminal, a bar code scanner and a  
3           browser-less device.

1    24.    (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the type of client comprises at



2           least one of a dumb terminal, a telnet terminal, a bar code scanner and a browser-less  
3           device.

1   25.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein the client  
2           device identifier indicates at least one of a dumb terminal, a telnet terminal, a bar  
3           code scanner and a browser-less device.

1   26.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the data type indicates at least one of a data  
2           entry form, a queried data, a message, a form level query data and a field level query  
3           data.

1   27.   (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the data type indicates at least one of a data  
2           entry form, a queried data, a message, a form level query data and a field level query  
3           data.

1   28.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein the data type indicates at  
2           least one of a data entry form, a queried data, a message, a form level query data and a  
3           field level query data.